



January 25, 2007

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Safe Routes to School Evaluation Report, Agenda Item 8

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

The Safe Routes to School Program is funded by Measure A Strategy 4.1 funds. TAM hired Parisi Associates, with subconsultants Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Alta Planning + Design, and Nelson/Nygaard Associates, for management and implementation of the Safe Routes to Schools Program. In July, 2006, David Parisi provided a very brief summary presentation to the TAM Board and update on the Safe Routes to Schools program based on an evaluation and survey done over the 2005-06 school year. . An evaluation of and set of recommendations for the Safe Routes to School program was also briefly reviewed by the Measure A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in November 2006.

The TAM Expenditure Plan requires that the programs in Measure A Strategy 4 Safe Access to School be evaluated every two years by the Technical Advisory Committee through a public process involving parents, school officials and students throughout the County. This parent survey and evaluation will be part of that review. TAM staff will be finalizing a gameplan with the TAC later this Spring on conducting that required review.

In the interim, TAM staff wish to present the findings of the report and how the Safe Routes to School program has responded. David Parisi will present a summary of the Evaluation and Recommendations Report to the TAM Board, with an emphasis on proposed changes to the program for this and coming years.

Recommendation: No Action required. TAM staff seek comment and feedback on the Safe Routes to School 2005-06 evaluation.